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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTIONS 64 & 65

AUTHORISATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SPECIAL DIRECTIONS

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of his powers under Sections 64 and 65 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all powers enabling him in that behalf, for the purposes of providing information to road users, hereby:-

1. authorises at appropriate locations on roads for which Highways England is the traffic authority, the display of the following legends (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised legends") on variable message signs (VMS) as defined in Schedule 1 of the Traffic Signs Regulations 2016 (Part 1 of S.I. 2016/362, "the 2016 Regulations"):

    a) Leave at next junction
    b) Traffic held clearing road
    c) Traffic held for accident
    d) Traffic held for animals
    e) Traffic held for cyclists
    f) Traffic held for debris
    g) Traffic held debris
    h) Traffic held removing debris
    i) Traffic held for incident
    j) Traffic held for pedestrians
    k) Traffic held pedestrians
    l) Traffic held for repairs
    m) Traffic held for safety
    n) Traffic held for slow vehicle
    o) Traffic held slow vehicle
    p) Traffic held for *mins

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2. directs that any of the authorised legends shall be individually displayed only at such times as are appropriate to indicate that the conditions it describes apply and that, when not displaying any message, the sign face of the VMS shall remain blank; and

3. directs that the authorised legends may be displayed in either sentence case as shown or in capitals; and

4. directs that asterisks used in authorised legends do not form part of the legend but shall be replaced by numbers indicating measures of time; and

5. directs without prejudice to any statutory provision to the like effect, that it is a condition of this authorisation that use of the authorised legends shall continue to have effect only until such day as may be appointed by one month's notice given by the Secretary of State in writing to the traffic authority for the removal or alteration of the authorised legends and on that day the said authorisation shall, without prejudice to the giving of any further authorisation or direction, cease to have effect.

The provisions of Schedule 16 to the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the authorised legends as they apply to the legends prescribed in Schedule 16 to those Regulations.

Dated 8th January 2020

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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A Delegated Official of the Department for Transport

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